

## Rabies vaccine and rabies immune globulin (RIG)

The MSDH provides consultation regarding need for pre- and postexposure rabies prophylaxis in the Division of Epidemiology at 601-576-7725. Unfortunately, RIG and rabies vaccine are unavailable through the health department for postexposure prophylaxis at this time.\* However, companies that supply rabies biologics are listed in the table below. Rabies biologics may also be obtained or received from large emergency rooms or through local pharmacies. An individual should only be given rabies PEP after consultation with their physician.

Making the decision of whether or not to give rabies prophylaxis is often a medical dilemma. Guidelines and consultation are available through MSDH staff and this website to help make an informed decision in the best interest of the patient.

Detailed information on preexposure and postexposure prophylaxis is available in the document “*Human Rabies Prevention—United States, 1999 Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)*.” The rabies biologics table provided below is from that document.

### Rabies Biologics - United States, 1999

Human rabies vaccine	Product name	Manufacturer
Human diploid cell vaccine (HDCV)	Imovax® Rabies	Pasteur-Merieux Serum et Vaccins, Connaught Laboratories, Inc. Phone: (800) VACCINE or (800) 822-2463
Rabies vaccine adsorbed (RVA)	Rabies Vaccine Adsorbed (RVA)	BioPort Corporation Phone: (517) 335-8120
Purified chick embryo cell vaccine (PCEC)	RabAvert™	Chiron Corporation Phone: (800)CHIRON8 or (800) 244-7668
Rabies immune globulin (RIG)	Imogam®RabiesHT	Pasteur-Merieux Serum et Vaccins, Connaught Laboratories, Inc. Phone: (800)VACCINE or (800) 822-2463
	BayRab™	Bayer Corporation Pharmaceutical Division Phone: (800) 288-8370

\* A limited supply of rabies vaccine is available at the MSDH international travel sites for the purpose of immunizing persons traveling to foreign countries in which rabies is endemic or for administration to persons requiring preexposure prophylaxis because of potential work exposure to rabies.